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HOUSE BILL No. 1266

DIGEST OF HB 1266 (Updated January 31, 2007 3:06 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 20-12.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholarships. Provides that a student who is in foster care, or placed in a child caring institution or the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker: (1) may enroll in the twenty-first century scholars program at any time before the student graduates from high school; (2) is not required to be eligible for free or reduced price lunches to participate; and (3) is not required to have a custodial parent or guardian agree to the student's participation in the program.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

February 1, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-70-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this
3 chapter, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) Is a resident of Indiana.

6 (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic
7 school.

8 (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the
9 national school lunch program.

10 (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
11 or guardian, that the student will:

12 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
13 meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher
14 learning;

15 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
16 IC 35-48-1-9);

17 (C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

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(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:

(i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

(b) The term includes a student who:

(1) is placed by or with the consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a child placing agency in a foster family home, the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker, or a child caring institution;

(2) is enrolled in a public or an accredited nonpublic high school; and

(3) except for the requirements set forth in subsection (a)(2) and (a)(3), otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (a).

SECTION 2. IC 20-12-70-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 15. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter, including:

(1) rules regarding the establishment of appeals procedures for individuals who become disqualified from the program under section 12 of this chapter; ~~and~~

(2) notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, rules that may include students who are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students, **including a provision that allows a student described in section 2(b) of this chapter to participate in the program at any time before the student graduates from high school; and**

(3) rules that provide that a student described in section 2(b) of this chapter is not required to have a custodial parent or guardian agree to the student's participation in the program or certify the student's scholarship application.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1266, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "home or" and insert "**home**,".

Page 2, line 19, delete "caretaker;" and insert "**caretaker, or a child caring institution;**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1266 as introduced.)

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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